

Drawdy, James E. Tomberlin, Frank W. Merrin, James W. Vallandingham.

For Putnam County: C. H. Gilchrist, J. C. Vertrees, John Hancock, John Harvey, J. W. Thompson.

For Brevard County: Joseph Mendel, Frank T. Budge, Wm. H. Sharp, John Houston, R. D. Hoke.

For Dade County: Samuel T. Carrow, N. W. Pitts, Geo. W. Lamhart, W. J. Shone.

For Polk County: D. C. Lancaster, T. J. Minor, T. L. Hughes, W. B. Bonacker, L. B. Boyd.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1895.

The Senate convened pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks and Williamson—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Mr. Chipley, Chairman of the Committee on Conference on House Bill No. 205, submitted the following privilege report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 14, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Joint Committee on Conference to whom was referred Senate Amendments Nos. 5, 6, 7, 14, 21, 22 and 30, to House Bill No. 205, respectfully, recommend that the Senate recede from amendments Nos. 5, 6, 14, 22 and 30, which read as follows, to wit:

In line 3, section 6, strike out all after the word "out" down to and including the word "election" in line 4.

In section 7 strike out all of lines 4, 5, 6, and down to and including the word "election" in line 7.

In line 9, section 20, after the word "election" strike out all down to "allow" in line 11, and insert the following:

"The supervisor of registration is hereby authorized, and on demand of the chairman of any executive committee of any political party having a full ticket in nomination, shall furnish to such chairman a certified list of all registered voters, and said supervisor shall be paid by the executive committee to whom such lists are furnished the same fees allowed to clerks of the circuit court for one hundred words. But shall not."

In line 1, section 38, strike out the word "sheriff" and substitute therefor the words "county commissioners."

In line 12, section 38, after the word ballots, add: "The booths or enclosures above provided for shall be so constructed that the ballot box shall be in full view of the public from the time the voting commences until the canvass is complete."

Strike out all of section 47, and insert the following: Section 47. Any qualified elector offering to vote, who cannot read or write, or by reason of physical disability is unable to properly mark his ballot, may have the assistance of two of the inspectors in the preparation of his ballot, who in the presence of the elector, and in the presence of each other shall prepare his ballot for him as he wishes to vote it; Provided, however, That the names to be marked, must be named by the elector himself, without aid or suggestion from either of the inspectors.

And that the House of Representatives concur in Senate Amendments Nos. 7 and 21, which read as follows:

In line 23, section 9, strike out all after the word "be" down to and including the word "counties" in line 30, and substitute therefor the words "such sum or sums, in proportion to the amount of work to be done, as may be fixed and allowed by the board of county commissioners in each county respectively."

In line 10, section 27, after the word "thereof" add the words, "and during the election and canvass of the votes the ballot box shall not be concealed from the public."

To House Bill No. 205.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. CHIPLEY,
Chairman Senate Committee.

W. J. DANIEL,

J. M. PHIPPS,

THOS. PALMER,

On part of Senate.

F. L. REES,
Chairman House Committee.

G. S. HEALY,

F. T. CHRISTIE,
W. . MC. L. DANCY,
B. F. WHITNER,

On part of House.

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate adhere to Amendments Nos. 7 and 21, and recede from Nos 5, 6, 14, 22 and 30.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the recommendation of the committee be taken up separately;

Which was agreed to.

Amendment No. 5:

In line 3, section 6, strike out all after the word "out" down to and including the word "election" in line 4,

Was taken up.

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate recede from Amendment No. 5;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate recede from Amendment No. 6;

Amendment No. 6:

In section 7 strike out all of lines 4, 5, 6, and down to and including the word "election" in line 7,

Was taken up.

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate recede from amendment No. 6.

Which was agreed to.

Amendment No. 14:

In line 9, section 20, after the word "election" strike out all down to "allow" in line 11, and insert the following: "The supervisor of registration is hereby authorized, and on demand of the chairman of any executive committee of any political party having a full ticket in nomination, shall furnish to such chairman a certified list of all registered voters, and said supervisor shall be paid by the executive committee to whom such lists are furnished the same fees allowed to clerks of the circuit court for one hundred words. But shall not."

Mr. Chipley moved that the above amendment be receded from.

The yeas and nays were called for.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Morrow, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Thompson and Wadsworth—14.

Nays—Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Darby, Genovar, Hicks, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Reynolds, Weeks and Williamson—13.

So the motion to recede was agreed to.

Amendment No. 22:

In line 1, section 38, strike out the word "sheriff" and substitute therefor the words "county commissioners."

In line 12, section 38, after the word "ballots," add, "The booths or enclosures above provided for shall be so constructed that the ballot box shall be in full view of the public from the time the voting commences until the canvass is complete."

Mr. Chipley moved that the above amendment be divided, and that the following be considered first:

In line 1, section 38, strike out the word "sheriff" and substitute therefor the words "county commissioners."

Mr. Chipley moved that the Senate recede from the above; Which was agreed to.

And the following part of amendment No. 22 was taken up:

In line 12, section 38, after the word "ballots," add: "The booths or inclosures above provided for shall be so constructed that the ballot box shall be in full view of the public from the time the voting commences until the canvass is complete."

Mr. Adams moved that the Senate do adhere to the above portion of amendment No. 22.

The yeas and yeas were called for.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Darby, Genovar, Hicks, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Reynolds, Weeks and Williamson—14.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Marks, Morrow, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Thompson and Wadsworth—15.

So the motion to adhere to the above portion of the amendment was not agreed to.

Amendment No. 30:

Strike out all of section 47, and insert the following: Section 47. Any qualified elector offering to vote, who cannot read or write, or by reason of physical disability is unable to properly mark his ballot, may have the assistance of two of the inspectors in the preparation of his ballot, who in the presence of the elector and in the presence of each other, shall prepare his ballot for him as he wishes to vote it; Provided, however, That the names to be marked must be named by the elector himself, without aid or suggestion from either of the inspectors,

Was read.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the Senate adhere to the above amendment.

The yeas and nays were called for.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 21st, Darby, Genovar, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Reynolds, Weeks and Williamson—13.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Marks, Palmer of 11th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Thompson and Wadsworth—15.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Chipley moved that the action of the Senate be certified to the House of Representatives;

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the Governor.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Dougherty, having withdrawn his notice to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to indefinitely postpone Senate Joint Resolution No. 249:

Proposing an amendment to article 9 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, exempting certain manufacturies from taxation for a period of ten years,

The President ordered Senate Joint Resolution No. 249 referred to the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Chipley moved that Senate Bill No. 322, which was set for special order this morning but not considered, be made the special order for 4 o'clock this afternoon;

Which was agreed to.

Introduction of Bills.

By Mr. Hartridge:

Senate Bill No. 339:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 17 of an act approved June 4, 1891, entitled an act to provide for establishing, working, repairing and maintaining the public roads and bridges in the several counties of this State, and to provide punishment for failure thereof.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 339 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 339 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Hartridge:

Senate Bill No. 340:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the board of

county commissioners of the county of Duval to build and maintain and operate a bridge across the St. Johns river, within said county and to establish and collect tolls for passage across the same.

Mr. Hartridge moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 340 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 340 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

By Mr. Blitch of 21st:

Senate Bill No. 341:

A bill to be entitled an act designating the officers who shall make judicial sales ordered by the several courts of this State.

Mr. Blitch of 21st moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Bill No. 341 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 341 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Morrow:

Senate Memorial No. 342:

A memorial to Congress asking for an appropriation for further examination of Bear's Cut and other entrances to Biscayne Bay harbor, in Dade county, Florida, based upon the recent report of the United States government survey, and for improving the same.

Mr. Morrow moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Memorial No. 342 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Memorial No. 342 was read first time by its title.

Mr. Morrow moved that Senate Memorial No. 342 take the place of Senate Bill No. 281 on the calendar of second reading, and that he be permitted to withdraw Senate Bill No. 281;

Which was agreed to by a two thirds vote.

By Mr. Darby:

Senate Bill No. 343:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to surety and guarantee companies and corporations.

Mr. Darby moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 343 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 343 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Chipley:

Senate Bill No. 344:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Northern Railroad Company and to grant certain powers and privileges thereto.

Mr. Chipley moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 344 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 344 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Morrow (by request):

Senate Bill No. 347:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 5 of chapter 4193 of the Laws of Florida relative to the compensation paid to the members of the county school boards.

Mr. Morrow moved that the rules be waived, and that Senate Bill No. 347 be read the first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 347 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. McLeran:

Senate Bill No. 345:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Merchants Bank and Trust Company, and to confer certain rights and privileges thereon.

Mr. McLeran moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 345 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 345 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Palmer of 14th:

Senate Joint Resolution and Memorial No. 346:

To the Congress of the United States for the restitution to silver of its constitutional legality with gold, and for the free and unlimited coinage of both gold and silver at the ratio of sixteen to one.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived, and Senate Joint Resolution and Memorial No. 346 be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Joint Resolution and Memorial No. 346 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Perrenot, chairman of the special committee to visit the State Normal College at De Funiak Springs, submitted the following privileged report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 14, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your special committee appointed to visit the State Normal College at De Funiak Springs, Florida, beg leave to submit the following report:

We visited this institution, and find the same located in a beautiful and most healthful locality.

The land belonging to the college premises is included in several town lots, aggregating about four acres.

The college building consists of three rooms, one a large hall with seating capacity for 175 pupils, and two small rooms used for recitation purposes.

There are two dormitories, one for the female and the other for male pupils.

We find the college building a very neat appearing structure, in good repair and condition, but find that there is no fence around the premises, nor is there a well upon the premises, the water used being supplied from one of the dormitories at great inconvenience.

The dormitories, we regret to say, are altogether out of repair, and are unfit for and unsuited to their purpose.

There is no library, no globes, and few good maps and charts, and the apparatus generally is insufficient for the demands of an institution of its kind.

We find that the faculty consists of four teachers, and under the management of Prof. C. P. Walker, president of the college, and his able assistants, the school is in a flourishing condition, there now being in attendance 154 pupils from 24 counties of the State.

The curriculum is adjusted to the requirements of the school laws of Florida.

There are four grades or classes, viz.:

Class "D," embracing those studies required by the statutes of the State for third and second grade certificates.

Number in class, male, 44; female, 70; total, 114.

Class "C," embracing those branches of study required for first grade certificates.

Number in class, male, 20; female, 8; total, 28.

Class "B," embracing those branches required for State certificates.

Number in class, male, 5; female, 4; total, 9.

Class "A," embracing those branches required for graduation.

Number in class, male, 3; withdrawn, 1.

The appropriation for this school for years 1893-4 and

1894-5, respectively, was \$5,000, and the salaries paid as follows: president, \$1,500; two male assistants, each \$1,000; female assistant, \$800. Total salaries, \$4,300.

In conclusion we respectfully submit that the school property consisting of college building and dormitories, we would value at \$5,000.00 and college furniture and apparatus at about \$800.00.

We further submit that the present unfitness of the dormitories is such that we believe it advisable and would recommend the sale of these buildings and the erection of new ones, or else dispense with them entirely.

We would further recommend that a suitable fence be erected around said college premises, and a well dug thereon convenient to said college. Also that an additional recitation room be added to said building, as the same is much needed; under present conditions one class being compelled to return to the college building portico during the time engaged by the other class in the recitation rooms.

We recommend an appropriation to provide for and to cover these much needed wants.

Very respectfully,

C. J. PERRENOT,
Of the Senate.

JNO. G. ELLIS,
D. H. MAYS,

Of the House Committee.

Mr. Hicks moved that the Senate do now adjourn;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dougherty, Genovar, Hart-ridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks and Williamson—25.

A quorum present.

Messages from the House.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 14, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 269:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Fort White, in the county of Columbia, and State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Fort White valid and in full force and effect.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Palmer of the 14th moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 269, contained in above message, be read the first time by its title ;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 269 was read first time by its title.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved the rules be waived and House Bill No. 269 be read a second time by its title;

Which was agreed to.

And House Bill No. 269 was read second time by its title.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 269 be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Dcugherty, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Phipps, Reeves Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth, Weeks and Williamson—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Mr. Palmer of the 14th moved that the rules be further waived, and that House Bill No. 269 be immediately certified to the House of Representatives ;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 269 was so certified.
Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 215:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the boundary lines of the city of Ocala.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Blitch of 21st moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 215, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 215 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 246:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 3935, Laws of Florida, being an act to establish a criminal court of record in the county of Marion, approved May 27, 1889.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Blitch of 21st moved that the rules be waived and

House Bill No. 246, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 246 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 271:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 769 and 772 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, giving the control of animals infected with hydrophobia to the State health officer.

And would respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Bitch of 21st moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 271, contained in above message, be read first time by its title;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 271 was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 276:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 2217, 2218, 2219, 2221, 2222, 2223 and 2224, Revised Statutes of Florida.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Blitch of 21st moved that the rules be waived, and House Bill No. 276, contained in above message, be read first time by its title ;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 276 was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 13, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed —

Senate Bill No. 190:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Citizens Bank and Trust Company and to confer certain rights and privileges thereon.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 190 was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 14, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed, with amendments—

Senate Bill No. 103:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 806, chapter 4, Revised Statutes of the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Perrenot moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments ;

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 103, as amended, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 14, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Concurrent Resolution No. 79:

Relating to the establishment of a mail route to Gasparilla at Bocco Grande in the county of Lee.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Concurrent Resolution No. 79, contained in above message, went over until tomorrow.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 14, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has indefinitely postponed—

Senate Bill No. 29:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the establishment of pauper houses and farms in this State.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 158:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 588 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the payment of county warrants.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 158 was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 334:

A bill to be entitled an act making an additional appropriation for the encampment of the State Troops for the year 1895.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 334 was ordered referred to Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12:

Relative to representation at the opening of the national park at Chickamauga, September 19, 20 and 21, 1895.

Very respectfully,
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 12 was ordered referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 14, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed, with amendments—

Senate Bill No. 52:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sections 1 and 3 of an act entitled an act to prescribe the compensation to be paid jurors and witnesses serving in the courts of the State, and to provide for summoning defendants' witnesses.

And respectfully request the concurrence of the Senate to the amendment.

Very respectfully,

WM FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 52, contained in above message, together with House amendments, was placed on the table subject to call.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS.

President of the Senate :

SIR—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has concurred in Senate amendments to—

House Bill No. 205:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the registration of all legally qualified voters in the several counties of the State, and to provide for general and special elections, and for the returns of the elections,

As follows:

In line 23, section 9, strike out all after the word "be" down to and including the word "counties" in line 30, and substitute therefor the words "such sum or sums, in proportion to the amount of work to be done, as may be fixed and allowed by the board of county commissioners in each county respectively."

In line 10, section 27, after the word "thereof" add the words "And during the election and canvass of the votes the ballot box shall not be concealed from the public."

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. Reeves, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 204:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the establishment of county high schools.

And,

Senate Bill No. 225:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2307 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to assignments for the benefit of creditors.

And,

Senate Bill No. 240:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the punishment of persons convicted of wife beating, or of cruelly beating a child or children.

And,

Senate Bill No. 218:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 1 of chapter 4132 of the Laws of Florida, an act to regulate the manner in which writs of scire facias shall be served.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 229:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the notice of sales made under decrees of chancery courts, and to fix the time and place of such sales.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 227:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable sureties or co-sureties against whom judgment may have been obtained, to institute legal proceedings against the principal, co-surety, or co-sureties, without having first paid such judgment.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 245:

A bill to be entitled an act to empower agricultural, horticultural and benevolent societies to incorporate and to prescribe the method and their powers.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them correctly engrossed.

Very respectfully,

L. J. REEVES,
Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

And the bills contained in the above report were placed on the calendar of bills on third reading.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee on Railroads, submitted the following minority report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs, to whom was referred House Bill No. 57, providing for the establishment of a railroad commission for the State of Florida, prescribing its powers and duties, begs leave to submit the following report upon this and kindred bills referred to this committee:

The proposition to re-establish for the State of Florida a railway commission at this time is one which should receive the serious and impartial consideration of all interested in the prosperity and welfare of our State. The situation at the present time in Florida is unusual, and in many respects distressing. A large part of our State—in fact, the whole State—has suffered in a most remarkable degree in its material welfare, by reason of the extreme cold prevailing in December, January and February. The result of these cold waves was to destroy a freight traffic, then in sight, equal to not less than three hundred million pounds. This loss not only fell upon those whose oranges and other growing crops were destroyed, but it fell with peculiar force upon our transportation lines.

Our railway systems occupy an exceptional position, in that the traffic they handle is almost exclusively that which originates in the State and is carried out of it, and that which is brought from points without the State into Florida for the use and consumption of its people. The traffic passing through Florida is infinitesimal in amount. Take, for instance, a State like Tennessee. There are a number of lines of railway which carry through that State from North to South, and South to North, and from East to West and West to East a very large volume of freights which are known only to the State of Tennessee as foreign commerce passing

through her borders, and from this source the railways of Tennessee have an earning capacity not possessed by any of the lines in the State of Florida.

A further fact to be considered in connection with the proposition to establish a railway commission in this State, is this: That our railways represent one-fifth of the entire taxable values of the State of Florida, and in the enactment of laws, a legislative body should not lose sight of any great interest of the State, but should keep constantly in mind the proper protection of the rights of all branches of trade and commerce. The power of the legislature to control or regulate transportation, is one strictly limited to the movement of freights within the territorial limits of the State. The volume of freight, therefore, the transportation charges of which could be regulated or controlled being very small, and our railroads, by reason of their great losses, having been reduced almost to the point of starvation, this committee is of the opinion that at this time any effort to take arbitrary control of our transportation lines, with a view of reducing their revenue from local movements of freight, would be unjust to this great industry which has done so much toward the upbuilding of Florida.

Our past experience with a railroad commission, and our experience since the abolition of that commission, justifies the declaration that the railway managements of Florida are keenly alive to the promotion and advancement of the material welfare and prosperity of this State. We think that any effort, in the direction of reducing local rates, would be disappointing to the people in the practical results obtainable, and especially so in view of the decision of our own supreme court in the case of the State of Florida vs. the P. & A. railroad company. Individual instances of apparent discrimination, and we may say unjust discrimination, have arisen, and one such instance gives rise to a great deal of complaint. But my observation is, that where there is justice in any complaint, and that if complaint is fairly presented to the railroad company, that, as a rule, these matters, as far as possible, are corrected. It is impossible that every town and every railway station in the State of Florida should have identically the same advantages with each other, because by nature the situation of some is such that they now enjoy, and always will enjoy, advantages over less favorably located points. Those places in Florida which have a choice between rail lines or between rail and water lines must enjoy the advantages and the legitimate advantages of their situation. And it is entirely beyond the power of legislation to overcome the advantages or disadvantages of natural location. The placing of all

points in Florida upon a footing of equality with all other points in the matter of transportation, is one which is just as impossible of accomplishment as it would be to put them upon the same footing as to soil and climate.

If we should establish a railway commission in this State, and that commission did not reduce rates, those who demand a commission would be disappointed. If such a commission could reduce rates under the decision of our supreme court, and we do not believe it could, the railroads would be the sufferers at a most critical period in their history. Forced as they are to the necessity of the most rigid and exacting economy in all branches of operation and management, we candidly do not believe that the State would be justified in any effort to reduce their revenues, even if it could, through the exercise of its superior power.

It is estimated that over ninety per cent. of the railway traffic of Florida is inter state, and over this traffic neither this Legislature nor any commission which it could call into existence could exercise the slightest authority or control.

The whole question, therefore, of a railway commission narrows itself down to this: Exercising, as the State might do, control over less than ten per cent. of the whole business of the railways of Florida, and those railways bearing, in common with all other interests of the State, the hardships and adversities of the day, and shielded as they are against destructive reductions in their rates by the decision of our highest court, is it worth the while of the State of Florida to attempt the imposition of further burdens against them? This effort might, in a measure, suit a certain element of our people, but it would bring no blessing or increased prosperity, or increased repose, to the great interests of our State. Much expense would be incurred in the effort, and this expense we do not think would be justified by any possible results that might be attained. Many States in the Union are without a railway commission, and those States seem as prosperous and their people as happy and contented as are those where railway commissions exist. Tennessee and Georgia lie side by side. One of them has no railway commission; the other has a commission with practically unlimited power; and yet, Tennessee, without a commission, seems as happy and prosperous as the State of Georgia. The large number of commissions existing in the United States differ widely as to their powers and jurisdiction, and the mildest seems to give to the people as much satisfaction as the most severe. While, on the contrary, in those States which have commissions of great power, the owners of railway properties com-

plain of great loss incident to the arbitrary exercise of the powers of the commissions.

Viewing this matter of railway legislation in the broadest light, in the light of our own experience and the experience of other states, and in the light of the peculiar situation of the State of Florida, I am forced to the conclusion that there is not only no need for a railway commission at the present time in this State, but that a railway commission would be a positive detriment to the best interests of the whole State.

I, therefore, report against the passage of House Bill No. 57, and the substitute, with the recommendation that the same do not pass, and I make a like recommendation as to all other bills pending on this subject.

Very respectfully,

W. N. THOMPSON,

Of the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

Mr. Wadsworth, Chairman of the Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 181:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend section 2197, Revised Statutes, relating to limitation of deposits in savings banks.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

And the bill contained in the above report was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Chipley, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, {
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 247 :

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer to deposit the public moneys with banks in this State, approved May 31, 1893.

Beg leave to report that your committee has carefully examined the same and herewith submit a substitute and recommend that the same be adopted.

Very respectfully,
W. D. CHIPLEY,

Chairman Committee on Finance and Taxation.

And the bill contained in the above report, together with substitute offered by the committee, was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Hartridge, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 9:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to the indexing of all instruments of writing hereafter recorded, referring to real estate.

Also,

House Bill No. 320:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to trusts for use of the people called Shakers.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 333:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the representation in State and congressional conventions.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 335:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the burning off of unenclosed lands.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and report the same unfavorably, and recommend that they do not pass.

Very respectfully,
JOHN E. HARTIDGE,
Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

And the bills contained in the above report were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—
House Bill No. 231 :

A bill to be entitled an act relating to services of notices
in causes pending in the courts of this State other than the
supreme court.

Also,

House Bill No. 250 :

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the approval of
certain criminal bonds by the several sheriffs of this State.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 337 :

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit wrongful combina-
tion and other wrongs against workmen, and to punish the
same.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the
same, and report favorable, and recommend that the same
do pass.

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,
Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

And the bills contained in the above report were placed on
the calendar of bills on second reading.

Also the following :

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate :

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was re-
ferred—

Senate Bill No. 326:

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe and regulate the
compensation of county solicitors in counties where criminal
courts of record are or may hereafter be established.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 320 :

A bill to be entitled an act to require the speedy winding
up of any banking company and corporations which have gone
into liquidation, and providing method of procedure in such
cases.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the

same, and report favorably, and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,
 JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,
 Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

And the bills contained in the above report were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 324:

A bill to be entitled an act to punish persons racing or running horses on, over or across public roads and highways, and on or at public assemblies of persons or occasions, and to provide a penalty for violation thereof.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and report unfavorably, and recommend that it do not pass.

Also,

House Bill No. 232:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the payment of costs in criminal cases in the circuit courts and in the Supreme court of this State.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and report same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,
 JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,
 Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

And the bills contained in the above report were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
 TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 222:

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing how inspectors of

weights and measures may be appointed, and for other purposes.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and report unfavorably, as being within the scope of section 20 of article 3 of the Constitution, providing cases in which special legislation should not be allowed.

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,
Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

And the bill contained in above report was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 180:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend sub-division 1 of section 1077 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the transfer of civil causes.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and report unfavorably, by reason of the fact your committee believe the same to be within the ruling of the Supreme Court of the State of Florida. *State ex rel., vs. Walker*, 251 Fla., 561, and consequently unconstitutional.

Very respectfully,

JOHN E. HARTRIDGE,
Chairman Committee on Judiciary.

And the bill contained in the above report was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Fleming, Chairman of the Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 307:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the city charter of the city of Tampa.

And,

Senate Bill No. 330:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the city of West Tampa, in the county of Hillsborough.

And,

Senate Bill No. 338:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the incorporation of the town of Fort Brook, in the county of Hillsborough and State of Florida, and to declare the incorporation of the town of Fort Brook valid and of full force and effect.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that they do pass.

Very respectfully,

FREDERIC A. FLEMING,

Chairman Committee on City and County Organization.

And the bills contained in the above report were placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Wadsworth, Chairman Committee on Corporations, submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER. }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 15, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred—

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to surety and guaranty companies and corporations, firms and persons engaging in the business of becoming sureties upon bonds of employes to employers.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

And the bill contained in the above report was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER. }
TALLAHASSEE, FLA., May 14, 1895. }

HON. F. T. MYERS,

President of the Senate:

SIR—Your Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 345:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Merchants Bank and Trust Company, and to confer certain rights and privileges thereon.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend it do pass.

Very respectfully,

B. D. WADSWORTH,

Chairman Committee on Corporations.

And the bill contained in the above report was placed on the calendar of bills on second reading.

Senate Bill No. 322:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the pay of members, officers and attaches of the Legislature of 1895,

Being the special order for this hour (4 o'clock, P. M.), was taken up, and read the second time in full.

Mr. Palmer of 14th moved that Senate Bill No. 322 be considered by sections and paragraphs;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Williamson moved that further consideration of Senate Bill No. 322 be postponed until tomorrow, and that it be made a special order for 10 o'clock, A. M., on tomorrow;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment:

In line 3, section 1, strike out the word "five" and the figure "5" and substitute therefor the word "six" and figure "6."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Dougherty offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Provided, That any senator desiring to be paid a smaller amount upon naming same to the treasurer shall receive the amount named by said senator, and the balance so left by any senator shall be covered into the treasury.

Mr. Dougherty moved the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

The yeas and nays were called for.

Upon call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Chipley, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves and Williamson—14.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blich of 21st, Broome, Daniel, Genovar, McKiney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Reynolds and Thompson—13.

So the amendment to the amendment was adopted.

The question recurring upon the amendment of Mr. Hartridge as amended.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Chipley, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McLin, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Thompson, Weeks and Williamson—16.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Daniel, Genovar, McKinney, McLeran, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Reeves and Reynolds—12.

So the amendment as amended was adopted.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment:

In line 4, section 1, strike out the word "seven" and the figure "7" and substitute therefor the word "ten" and the figures "10."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were called for.

Upon call of roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bailey, Chipley, Darby, Dougherty, Fleming, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McLin, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reynolds and Williamson—15.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Daniel, Genovar, McKinney, McLeran, Palmer of 14th, Reeves, Thompson and Weeks—12.

So the amendment was agreed to.

Mr. Reynolds offered the following amendment:

In line 3, section 2, strike out the word "five" and figure "5" and substitute therefor the word "six" and figure "6."

Mr. Reynolds moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Thompson offered the following amendment:

In line 5, section 2, strike out the words and figures "four dollars," and substitute therefor the words and figures "five dollars."

Mr. Thompson moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Perrenot offered the following amendment to the amendment:

That the word five and figure 5 be stricken out and the word six and figure 6 be substituted therefor.

Mr. Perrenot moved the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were called for.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 21st, Chipley, Darby, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Reynolds, Thompson and Weeks—20.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Broome and Daniel—3.

So the amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring upon the amendment as amended.

The amendment as amended was adopted.

Mr. Hartridge offered the following amendment:

In line 7, section 2, strike out the word "three" and figure "3" and substitute therefor the word "five" and figure "5."

Mr. Hartridge moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bailey offered the following amendment:

In line 12, section 2, strike out the words "five (5) dollars per diem," and substitute therefor the words "six (6) dollars per diem."

Mr. Bailey moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. McLeran offered the following amendment:

In section 2 strike out the words and figures "four dollars" and substitute therefor the words and figures "five dollars."

Mr. McLeran moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Broome offered the following amendment:

In line 16, section 2, strike out the word "five" and figure "5" and substitute therefor the word "six" and figure "6."

Mr. Broome moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby offered the following amendment:

In line 20, section 2, strike out the words "two fifty" and figure 2.50 and substitute therefor the words "four dollars" and figure "4."

Mr. Darby moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Daniel offered the following amendment:

In line 22, section 2, strike out from the word "each" to and including the word "journals" in line 28, and substitute therefor the words "the Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be entitled to ten days after adjournment to bring up their journals, and the Recording Clerk of the Senate and the House of Representatives shall have ten days to finish their work"

Mr. Daniel moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reynolds offered the following amendment:

In line 3, section 3, after the word "committees," add "and expense of committee appointed to investigate the matter of fraudulent bonds."

Mr. Reynolds moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 322, as amended, was ordered engrossed for a third reading.

Orders of the Day.

Pursuant to notice given yesterday, Mr. Darby moved that the vote by which

House Bill No. 5:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal chapter 4161 of the acts of 1893 entitled an act to appoint inspectors of weights and measures and for other purposes,

Passed yesterday, be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Darby moved that House Bill No. 5 lay on the table, subject to call;

Which was agreed to.

Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 116:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for additional examinations of teachers and to amend sections 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18 and 20 of an act entitled "an act to prescribe rules and regulations for licensing teachers, to provide for uniform examinations, to secure fairness in examinations and in issuing teachers' certificates, and for other purposes,"

Was taken up having been previously read a first time.

Mr. Hicks offered the following amendment:

Strike out all of section 7, and let section 8 be section 7, section 9 be section 8, section 10 be section 9, section 11 be section 10, section 12 be section 11, section 13 be section 12, section 14 be section 13 and section 15 be section 14.

Mr. Hicks moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment:

Strike out section 13 and substitute in lieu thereof the following: "That all diplomas of graduation from either of the State normal colleges of this State, and also all State certificates issued under the provisions of chapter 3872 of the Laws of Florida be, and the same are hereby declared to be State certificates under the provisions of this act, entitling the holder thereof to all the rights, privileges and benefits of State certificates granted under the provisions of this act."

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the amendment;

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment:

At the end of section 9 add "Provided, further, That county superintendents may hold a special examination and issue temporary certificates for a term of not longer than the interval between the regular examinations provided the applicant for such certificates furnishes satisfactory reasons for having failed to attend the regular examinations."

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment:

Add at the end of section 10, "and so long as the provisions of this act are complied with by persons holding such certificate, such certificate shall be deemed and held to be a contract entered into between such holder and the school authorities, and shall be equally binding in force and effect as any other contract based upon a valuable consideration."

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved the adoption of the amendment;
Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves moved that the substitute, as amended, be adopted.

Pending which—

Mr. Palmer of the 14th moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning, May 16th, 1895.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1895.

The Senate convened pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Adams, Bailey, Blitch of 20th, Blitch of 21st, Broome, Chipley, Daniel, Darby, Fleming, Genovar, Hartridge, Hicks, Marks, Morrow, McKinney, McLeran, McLin, Palmer of 11th, Palmer of 14th, Peacock, Perrenot, Phipps, Reeves, Reynolds, Thompson, Wadsworth and Williamson—29.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

Introduction of Petitions, Memorials, Etc

The President presented the following memorial to the Senate: